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Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English, of a statement of the Presidency of the European Community on Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued at Lisbon on 19 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement of the Presidency of the European Community on Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued on 19 May 1992

Lord Carrington has asked Ambassador Cutileiro to reconvene the talks on future constitutional arrangements for Bosnia and Herzegovina, adjourned in Lisbon on 1 May.

In the absence of an effective cease-fire, only a political settlement on the principles agreed on 18 March by the three main parties is capable of paving the way for an end to hostilities and to the incalculable suffering of the civilian population.

Moreover, the irreplaceable role of the talks has been stressed by the Council of Ministers of the European Community, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and by the Security Council.

As stated in the letters to the leaders of the Muslim, Serb and Croat parties inviting them to come to Lisbon on Wednesday, 20 May, the talks will again be guided by the following tenets:

a. The borders of independent Bosnia and Herzegovina are inviolable;

b. Independent Bosnia and Herzegovina will consist of three constituent units on the basis of the principles agreed upon on 18 March;

c. No territorial gains by force will be accepted, and the right of refugees to return without adverse consequences will be reaffirmed.